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Volunteers dig in to help transform waste land

Church group member Edna Berry performs the offical opening ceremony watched by Gary Heron (left)

A PROJECT by a team of big–hearted volunteers to transform a patch of unused waste land into an attractive creative space for a church group has been officially opened.

Members of Age UK, led by manager Gary Heron aided and abetted by local scout and youth leaders, tackled the task on behalf of the ladies craft group at Digmoor Methodist Church.

The volunteers lifted and relaid the uneven existing paving and cleared the rubble uncovered by their labours.

Gary Heron said: "The work went well and we all worked hard as a team.

"We lifted flags, dug out the soil, moved planters, relaid flags and put in three ton of stone. We also filled the skip and painted the outside toilet and replaced the plasterboard on the roof.

"The work was hard with a lot of heavy lifting and moving wheelbarrows full of stone and moving flags but it was so rewarding.

"The ladies made sure we had enough bacon butties and tea and coffee and they also popped in throughout the day to give us their support.

"Hopefully by doing this project we have given many groups and local people the chance to enjoy using this garden in the future."

YOUTH ZONE SET FOR LIFT–OFF

Report by **Henry James**

THE new £2m West Lancashire Youth Zone is to be officially opened on Tuesday, March 17.

Based on Southway, in the centre of town next to the library, police station and Nye Bevan Pool, the centre will be run by Lancashire County Council's Young People's Service.

It will be open for a minimum of five nights a week and will offer a wide range of activities and opportunities for young people to get together in a safe and fun environment.

At the opening there will be a presentation from young people entitled 'Benefiting from a Safe Space for young people and 21st century Places To Go And Things To Do'.

County Councillor Kevin Ellard, chairman of Lancashire County Council, will perform the official opening ceremony.

The £2m funding for the Youth Zone was agreed in September 2012 and since then the county council has worked with young people and other stakeholders to develop the proposals.

The new Youth Zone will feature a multi–purpose hall, internet café, kitchen and coffee bar area, space for group work and private sessions, 'chill–out' space and gaming areas.

How it all began...the official 'ground–breaking ceremony to mark the start of work on building West Lancashire Youth Zone in Skelmersdale town centre. Code1065551

It will also have a studio and performance workshop areas for arts, music and drama, a young people's information centre and an outdoor multi–use games area.

The building will also enable a range of other young people's services to be brought together on the same site, including targeted youth support and the youth offending team.

A spokeswoman for the county council said: "This Youth Zone model creates key centres in areas of most need, while also providing a geographical spread of 'satellite' services across the rest of the district.

"As well as providing positive activities, the Youth Zone will also be a base for services providing prevention and early help to vulnerable young people."

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War Horse walk is back by popular demand!

By Danielle Thompson

During World War One horses were transported by rail direct to Lathom Park

FOLLOWING the success of last year's War Horse Walk, VISIT Sefton and West Lancashire is once again teaming up with Lathom Parish Council to offer members of the public another chance to join the walk.

They will be leading a free, guided walk over a shortened version of the route on Saturday, March 28 leaving at 10am from Ormskirk railway station car park. There is no need to book.

En route a local historian will tell the story of the war horses and the contribution they made.

The route will mostly follow that taken by thousands of horses that had been brought from all over the world to Ormskirk station via Liverpool Docks. The horses were then walked through the streets of Ormskirk to Lathom and the Remount Depot at Lathom Park.

Walkers can opt for one of two routes.

The circular route is six miles long and includes a break at Lathom Chapel for refreshments before continuing.

Alternatively, at Lathom Chapel walkers can make use of the classic bus provided by Merseyside Transport Trust to ride free of charge back to Ormskirk railway station. This one–way walking route route is around two–and–a–half miles long.

Horses and mules were a vital part of the war effort and Lathom Park hosted more than200,000 before they carried out their service, sometimes at the war front in France.

Lathom Park was one of only three Remount Depots in the UK. Later in the war horses were transported by rail direct to Lathom Park.

If you are unable to join the walk VISIT has produced a leaflet which will allow walkers to follow the route themselves. Copies can be obtained from West Lancashire libraries or downloaded from the VISIT website www.visitsefton andwestlancs.co.uk.

Walkers should arrive 15 minutes before departure times, wear suitable footwear and clothing. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

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School celebrates improved rating

STAFF and pupils at a Skemersdale primary school are celebrating after seeing their rating by a government watchdog improved from 'requires improvement' to 'good' following their latest inspection.

Inspectors from the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) visited St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary in Blakehall earlier this year and found it to be "a good school" with a "broad and balanced" curriculum.

An earler inspection, in April 2013, declared the school to be in need of improvement.

Headteacher, Terry Naylor, was delighted by the latest findings. He said: "All staff in the school have worked very hard to raise standards for our children and we are all delighted that this latest report recognises the scope of our achievements.

"It's even more impressive when you consider that this inspection was carried out under a new benchmark which set the bar even higher for schools to be ranked as good."

The inspectors commented: "This is a good school. The curriculum is broad and balanced, meets pupils' needs and aspirations well and prepares them well for citizenship in modern Britain."

The report also noted: "Pupils clearly enjoy the opportunities they have to apply their mathematics in real–life situations as well as to develop their skills as geographers, historians and scientists. The curriculum is enriched by themed activities such as 'Trashion Week', music, art, drama and French.

"Pupils also take part in regular trips outside school, including residential visits. Together and through the school's strong links with the high school, all these opportunities extend pupils' learning outside the classroom."

• A full copy of the report is available on the school's web site www.sfoa.lancs.sch.uk.

Staff and pupils celebrate their improved Ofsted report. **Code1078294**

Friends' Mother's Day treat

THE Friends of Skelmersdale Library have organised an event to celebrate Mother's Day.

The Free Mother's Day activity will take place this Saturday (March 14) at the library in Southway from 10am to noon offering the chance for children to make cards while their mums are pampered.

Children will have the opportunity to make a card for their mum, or some other special person/carer. And while the children are occupied, mums and carers can enjoy a free hand massage by Carla Norgate from Body Shop at Home, using Body Shop products.

Carla will also be holding a raffle and one lucky mum or carer will win a special Mother's Day gift.

Hunt for thugs who targeted 91–year–old war veteran

By **Henry James**

POLICE are seeking information after a 91–year–old war veteran was set upon by two thugs in broad daylight in an attempted robbery.

The attack took place on Wednesday, March 4 as the victim was locking up a garage on Evenwood, Skelmersdale between 2.45 and 3.15pm.

The assailants approached the pensioner from behind and one of them forcibly restrained him while the other searched through his pockets.

They then forced him to the floor and rubbed his face in the gravel before fleeing empty–handed.

Both men are described as white and of stocky build. One was over 6ft tall and the other was between 5ft 6in and 5ft 8in.

Both had short, dark hair, were of scruffy appearance and spoke with Liverpool accents.

Police appeal after 'cowardly and vicious attack'

The taller man was wearing a grey jumper.

DC Kate Finch of Skelmersdale CID said: "This is a particularly upsetting incident where an elderly war veteran has been the victim of a cowardly and vicious attack which has left him with nasty injuries.

"Enquiries are on–going to identify those responsible but I would urge anyone with any information to contact us. It's important that these people are brought to justice to prevent them targeting anybody else."

Anybody with any information can contact Lancashire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at Crimestoppers–uk.org.

Residents urged to put tip objections in writing

MEMBERS of campaign group Arrow–No Whitemoss Landfill are calling on Skelmersdale residents to write to communities secretary Eric Pickles urging him to refuse the planning application to expand the Whitemoss hazardous waste site.

Following the public hearings last year, the planning inspectors have sent a report containing their recommendation to Mr Pickles. However, the public has no idea what that recommendation is.

Claire Robinson of Arrow–No Whitemoss Landfill said: "We can't rely on the planning inspectors to make our case for us. All concerned residents need to write politely to Mr Pickles to make sure he understands the strength of feeling against the tip plan."

Rob Routledge, managing director of Whitemoss Landfill Ltd, said: "We have followed the process as set out by legislation and are satisfied we have presented a robust case to the inspectorate."

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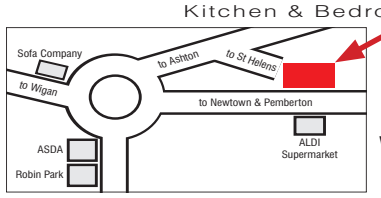

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Chance for a bus ride down Memory Lane

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TRANSPORT enthusiasts will be able to take a trip back in time on Saturday (March 14) when the third annual West Lancashire Classic Bus Day is staged.

Eight classic buses from the Merseyside Transport Trust collection will run frequent trips over two routes, both starting at Burscough Bridge.

Classic AEC Regent double–deckers from the 1950s, along with some Leyland Atlanteans from the 1960s and early 1970s, supplemented by a pair of single–deck buses, will run over the two routes along some of the quieter lanes of West Lancashire.

One route links Burscough Bridge with Ormskirk while for the first time the other route will follow a circular route from Burscough Bridge via Bispham Green, Parbold and Newburgh.

Journeys are free and buses will operate on both routes every 30 minutes from noon until 6pm.

CLASSIC encounter... one of the AEC Regents double–deckers that will take part in the third annual West Lancashire Classic Bus Day on Saturday.

Unique opportunity

The Merseyside Transport Trust, a local registered charity, has a collection of more than 40 classic buses – the oldest dating back to the 1940s – all of which are kept in Burscough.

The vehicles represent the progress of public road transport over the last 70 years and while the collection is not normally open to the public the voluntary group makes the vehicles available for people to see and travel aboard at numerous events throughout the year.

Lee Wolfe, from the Merseyside Transport Trust, said: "As the routes meander through the beautiful countryside surrounding the Burscough area they pass a number of country pubs, at which the buses stop to drop off and pick up passengers who may wish to visit the establishments or for those who wish to take a walk through the countryside.

"Both routes cross over the Leeds–Liverpool Canal numerous times giving visitors the unique opportunity to travel by classic bus before alighting to enjoy a walk along the scenic canal footpath before re–joining one of the buses at a stop further along the canal."

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Revival project information packs 'leave questions unanswered'

A RESIDENT of Skelmersdale's Beechtrees has welcomed West Lancs Council's unveiling of plans for the proposed £3m Revival project but says that the 'information' packs the authority has sent out leave important questions unanswered.

Paul Roughley, who has lived in a flat in Beechtrees for seven years, wrote to the Champion last month accusing the council of failing to carry out a consultation, promised before the end of last year, on what was originally a proposed £5.4m scheme to revitalise the area.

The council responded by announcing the revised £3m scheme last week and said that information packs, including a questionnaire, were being sent out to every home in Beechtrees. But Mr Roughley claims the packs fail to answer many important questions.

The 50–year–old said: "I am pleased the scheme now looks to be in motion but there is no reference to the fact that we will have to move out while the work is being carried out. And they have not said if they will pay for removal costs and where they will put us while the work is being done as the block will have to be empty.

"And there's no time–scale for the work. Many points residents want to know about have been missed out."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council said that residents would have a chance to question council staff about the scheme at a drop–in event to be held next week.

He said: "If anyone wants to ask any questions they can come to our drop–in consultation event at Evermoor Enterprises (formerly Digmoor Community Centre) in Birleywood between 10am and 7pm on Tuesday, March 17 when council staff will be available to answer their questions.

"People have until April 30 to give their views. Once the council receives the views of people living on the estate and other stakeholders, the project will be refined, where appropriate, for further consideration by the authority. The final scheme will then be shared with residents and an implementation timetable will be announced."

Demolition threat to community facility

Report by **Henry James**

Council issues 'final call' for group to take over Tanfields Meeting Room

ONE of the first community facilities to be built in Skelmersdale as part of the New Town development faces demolition unless someone come forward to take over its running.

West Lancs Council has issued a final call for any community groups who might be interested in using the Tanfields Meeting Room to contact them.

The facility in New Church Farm, Old Skelmersdale has been empty since October when previous tenants, the Octagon Wrestling Club, vacated the building. Since then the local authority has been advertising it to let but to date there have been no takers.

The Champion reported in 2012 that the the wrestling club had taken over the meeting rooms and had received £20,000 from the Whitemoss landfill site's community fund to replace the leaking roof and rotting timber cladding and windows.

During the last five months though the venue has been subject to vandalism and requires ongoing work to make it safe and secure.

The council is currently considering the option to demolish the building and will seek planning permission for this unless a suitable and sustainable tenant can be found.

Councillor David Sudworth, the council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Tanfields Meeting Room was one of the first community facilities built during the New Town development and it would be a shame if it had to be demolished. However, it has been vandalised a number of times over the years and is not in the best condition. It has historically been difficult to lease out, partly due to the fact that the town has a large number of community buildings and we have to consider demolition as a last resort.

"If there is any group out there wanting to take over the running of the building, the time to act is now."

Local Labour councillors though are opposed to demolition and put the venue's problems down to lack of investment by West Lancs Council.

Under threat – Tanfields Meeting Room

Skelmersdale North Councillor Jenny Patterson said: "Not for the first time we see one of Skelmersdale's community facilities set for the chop. This situation has come about following a decision made by the Conservative–run council several years ago when they decided to cut all funding for Skelmersdale's community centres and meeting rooms.

"They then expected the local community to take over these facilities by a voluntary transfer and pay all the costs to keep them open. Unfortunately we have seen two organisations try but fail to keep Tanfields Meeting Room open."

And fellow Skelmersdale North Councillor Neil Furey added: "Tanfields Meeting Room has been starved of investment and has been allowed to fall into disrepair. This is further evidence that the Conservatives have neglected Skelmersdale for years and they're prepared to close and demolish facilities across the town as part of their cost–cutting agenda. We should be investing in our community facilities not tearing them down."

Councillor Sudworth rejected the claims though saying: "Labour closed Tanfields Meeting Room when they ran the council, something the local councillors appear to have forgotten! The building was reopened under the Conservatives and the council has worked hard to keep the facility occupied.

"I call on the local councillors to stop playing silly political games and instead join me in urging any community groups interested in taking over the running of Tanfields Meeting Room to contact the council as soon as possible."

Any group interested in taking over the building is asked to contact the council's estates team by ringing 01695 712612 or by email to stuart.thorn@westlancs.gov.uk.

Special tribute

YOUNGSTERS at a Skelmersdale primary school were among more than 600 schoolchildren who attended a special conference to commemorate the Jullundur Brigade, a force of British and Indian soldiers who fought and died alongside each other through some of the bloodiest battles of the First World War.

The pupils from St John's Catholic Primary, in Flamstead, Birch Green, attended the event at the Guild Hall in Preston along with youngsters from 13 other Lancashire primary schools.

The conference built on a visit to Neuve Chapelle in France last year, which saw 100 soldiers, 90 Lancashire schoolchildren, 30 Army cadets and local religious leaders commemorate the centenary of the first action of the Jullundur Brigade in the 1914–18 war.

Following that visit, the children involved have been working on a project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, to research, write and design a teacher's resource book, to be used across the UK, about the role of the Jullundur Brigade and the wider Indian Army during World War One.

The children gave presentations on their research into the brigade, on subjects including the histories of the three battalions which made up the brigade, an overview of the Indian Army and even the types of food eaten in the trenches by British and Indian soldiers.

The pupils show off their new kit with Mrs Appleton and Alan Smith

School soccer squad geared up for glory

BUDDING football stars at a secondary school are all 'geared up' to tackle upcoming competitions – thanks to the generosity of a Lancashire businessman.

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Ethan's song is a hit with online video viewers – 19 years after being recorded!

By Danielle Thompson

A SINGER from West Lancs is hitting the high notes with a song he recorded nearly 20 years ago after clocking up more than four million views on video–sharing website YouTube!

Ethan Allen, from Aughton, who is signed to Mondeo Recordings, became an unlikely internet sensation thanks to Somethin' in the Water, a song from his former band The Cheap Seats' 1996 album, Call It What You Will.

The song has been a staple at line dance events but has been unavailable since Ethan and songwriter John Pettifer split up in 1999.

The video for Somethin' In The Water was No.1 in the CMT Video Chart in 1996.

Accalimed line dancing tutor Rob Fowler choreographed a dance to the song, which he called The Beast to Somethin' In The Water, which was played at last month's Crystal Boot Awards in Blackpool, causing a surge in the song's popularity.

Ethan Allen

And a video of the song was posted to Ethan's Facebook page where it has now had more than 4,270,000 views.

The Crystal Boot Awards, which recognise outstanding contributions to line dancing, are staged by the Champion's sister publication Linedancer Magazine.

More than 1,000 dancers, instructors and choreographers attend the awards each year and tickets for next year's event in January 2016 sold out within two days of going on sale.

Forty–one–year–old Ethan told the Champion: "I was surprised that the video has done so well after 20 years, four million hits is an incredible number!

"It's all down to the Crystal Boot Awards. I have seen many videos of Rob choreographing routines to the song which is very popular within line dancing but this one is more relaxed. It shows the lighter side of line dancing and the crowd loving it – clapping and cheering.

"I can't believe it. I'm an events promoter now but it's great to be back in the limelight being appreciated as an artist again."

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Local high schools to pilot wellbeing mentor project

Report by **Henry James**

A SCHEME where young people are trained to offer support to their fellow pupils and students on a range of issues that affect their health and wellbeing is to be piloted at three schools in Skelmersdale.

Lancashire County Council has teamed up with Lancashire Mind to pilot the scheme in 13 schools and three colleges in the county including Glenburn High School, Lathom High and Our Lady's Catholic High.

Young people who volunteer will be trained by experts from Lancashire Mind on how they can help others with issues they feel are important.

Subjects covered will be chosen by each school, but could include everything from bullying and relationships, to internet safety and body image.

They will then decide how the support will be provided to other young people.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "This project came about because we were talking to young people about what type of support would make a difference to their health. They said their biggest challenge would be helping them with their mental wellbeing. Issues like cyber bulling and stress were regularly mentioned.

"They also said that other young people would be best placed to support with this so we have worked very closely with the schools, health professionals and young people to develop this pilot.

"We hope this project will have a very positive impact on young people over the next 18 months."

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, commented: "Young people face many challenges and we need to find the best way to help and support them to make sure they feel well. Concerns such as substance misuse, sexual health and weight are often difficult to talk about and research shows they often feel more comfortable speaking to someone the same age.

"If successful, the programme could be rolled out to other schools and colleges across Lancashire."

And Louise Clarkson, children and young people service manager from Lancashire Mind, added: "This is a fantastic opportunity to support young people to address the health and wellbeing issues that they think are important."

Youth charity to host child sexual exploitation forum

SKELMERSDALE Action for Youth (SAY) has received funding from the Young People's Service to run a Child Sexual Exploitation Conference in the town later this year.

This is the first conference of its kind in Skelmersdale and aims to help disadvantaged young people.

Organisers at SAY are working on the event in partnership with a number of agencies including Lancashire Police, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Community Safety Partnership, Victim Support, the Young People's Service, the NHS Walk–in–Centre Skelmersdale and local schools and colleges.

Representatives from local high schools and colleges are being invited to attend the conference, which will last all day and will be aimed at young people in years 12, 13 and above.

Although a date not been confirmed yet, organisers say it will be held in the next two months.

Alan Lewis from SAY said: "We would like to thank the Young People's Service for funding the Child Sexual Exploitation Conference."

Anyone requiring more information can contact Alan Lewis by email at alan.say@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone on 07939 660 048.

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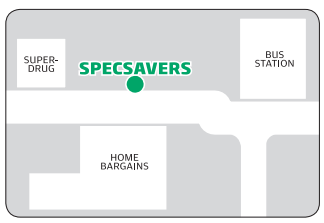

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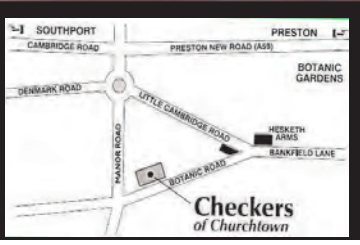

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War journal to be launched at uni

Report by **Henry James**

A FASCINATING Second World War journal written by the mother of a former pro vice–chancellor at Edge Hill will be launched at the university later this month.

Joyce's War is the wartime journal of Joyce Parry, whose eldest daughter, Professor Rhiannon Evans, was a member of the Edge Hill directorate from 1994 to 2008.

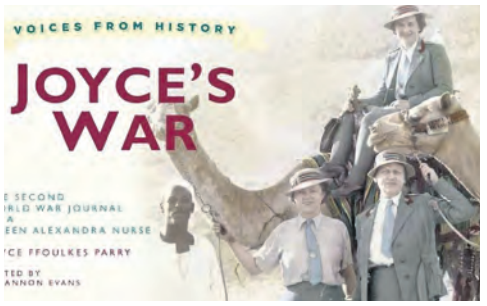
Professor Evans has edited the book, which came to light after Joyce's death in 1992, and will host the launch at The Hub at 6pm on Wednesday, March 25.

Joyce was an Australian nurse who came to the UK in 1937 to find her roots in Wales and Liverpool. On the outbreak of war she signed up to work as a sister on hospital ships in India and the Middle East.

At the launch, Professor Evans will give a talk illustrated with photographs, illustrations and images by war artists, including local artist Albert Richards, exploring some of the highlights and challenges of editing her mother's journal.

Out of the chaos of war emerges a voice telling a vivid, compelling and honest story of adventure, bravery, friendship, homesickness and wartime romance.

Joyce's wry observations about everything from the bureaucracy of the army to how poetry and shopping helped sustain her through four difficult but extraordinary years, offer a glimpse into a vanished world.



The cover of Joyce's War

The book also contains original photographs taken during the war and illustrations by children's books illustrator, Sian Bailey.

Professor Evans was awarded an MBE in 2008 for services to higher education and on retirement she set up an annual poetry prize in her name at Edge Hill.

The launch is free to attend and open to the public. To book a place go to http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/events.

Good news for drivers

MOTORISTS will be allowed a ten–minute 'grace' period after their parking ticket has expired before they are given a fine in council–owned car parks.

It is one of several changes announced by the government last week that will come into effect later this month.

Other changes announced include guidance for councils, reminding them they are banned from using parking to generate profit, a right for residents and businesses to petition their council to review parking in their area, new powers for parking adjudicators to hold councils to account and protection to stop drivers being fined after parking at out–of–order meters.

MP backs ovarian cancer campaign

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper joined with fellow MPs, celebrities and health professionals to mark Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month which is being held throughout March.

MPs from across all parties turned out to show their support at the Make Time for Tea event at the House of Commons alongside stage and screen stars including Maxine Peake, Christopher Biggins, Denise Welch and Dame Esther Rantzen.

The event was held in conjunction with the Eve Appeal, a charity that raises money to research women's cancers and guests heard from two women with direct experience of ovarian cancer.

Rosie Cooper said: "With ovarian cancer one of the top five causes of cancer deaths in women in the UK, the work and research the Eve Appeal are doing is vitally important. It's a pleasure to support the charity to promote awareness of these forms of cancer and to raise much–needed funds for further research."

Make Time for Tea parties will be taking place throughout the UK during March to raise funds for the Eve Appeal.

To apply for a free Make Time for Tea fundraising pack visit eveappeal.org.uk /get–involved/tea/

Rosie Cooper at the Make Time for Tea event

Smokers urged to call it quits on No Smoking Day

SMOKERS in Lancashire are being urged to take the opportuity to quit the habit as part of No Smoking Day today (Wednesday, March 11).

Health experts are hoping some of the county's estimated 190,000–plus smokers will give up.

The theme this year is 'I'm proud to be a quitter' to encourage people to take inspiration from the 6,000 smokers who successfully quit last year.

Around 20% of the county's population smoke, which is more than the national average.

Research shows that people are four times more likely to quit for good if they contact their local stop smoking service and Lancashire County Council is encouraging them to call on No Smoking Day.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "There's no doubt it's tough to give up but with support from trained staff from the stop smoking service, smokers can get the help they need to overcome the nicotine cravings and withdrawal symptoms. You are four times more likely to succeed if you get help from your stop smoking service and No Smoking Day is a great time to quit."

Smokers wanting to quit can call the West Lancashire Quit Squad on 0800 328 6297.

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Asda staff's helping hand for charity

Asda distribution centre general manager, Darren Pettener, presents the cheque to Penny Hamer. Also pictured is Sharon Rimmer

AN independent charity that aims to impact on the lives of people affected by mental health conditions has been given a boost, courtesy of staff at Asda's Skelmersdale distribution centre.

Darren Pettener, general manager of the depot on Stanley industrial estate in Skelmersdale, presented a cheque for £200 to Lancashire Mind as part of the company's 'Chosen By You' tokens scheme.

The charity, which is based in Chorley but covers the whole of the North West offering support and services to people with a wide range of mental health conditions, was nominated for the award by centre employee, Sharon Rimmer.

Darren Pettener said: "We're thrilled to be able to give this donation and hope that it goes some way to support the amazing work that Lancashire Mind do in the community."

Meanwhile, Lancashire Mind is always looking for new volunteers and help with fundraising and there are still opportunities to take part in the Great Manchester Run in May and the Great North run in September, on behalf of the charity. For more information, visit the website www.lancashiremind.org.uk or ring 01257 231660.

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Government 'stranglehold' on localism renders planning appeals meaningless

YOUR February 25 edition carried an article about Rosie Cooper's support of proposals for residents to have a right of appeal against planning consents.

Just before the 2010 General Election the Conservative Party pledged to bring in such a right of appeal, if elected. By contrast, what happened after that was the scrapping of all national planning controls and guidance, replaced by the disastrous National Planning Policy Framework and still no process for appealing against individual consents.

This legislation was so ill–considered that the government has since introduced loads of so–called guidance which is so badly worded as to be worthless. We are left with a general presumption in favour of development, with business development and economic growth at the forefront.

If anyone wants to know how bad the results can be, they should look just to the other side of the Ribble to see what is happening in the Fylde. There, huge tracts of green belt land have been allocated for housing under the new government policies, against the wishes of the local authority and residents in general.

The local authority is stuck because its funding has been cut so far that it now relies on the New Homes Bonus to fund basic services. It's in a government stranglehold on 'localism' which is coming here soon.

The relevance of this is that no appeal process would work unless the basic document and its increasing load of 'guidance' are changed fundamentally. Appeals would be routinely rejected on the grounds of government policy.

The government has now gone so far that applicants for planning permission are not even required to supply site layout plans. Until a year ago, such plans were regarded as a fundamental national requirement but the government scrapped the requirement. Other plans can be submitted on paper at any scale, so long as it is metric and they fit onto a standard sheet of paper of not less than A4 size.

Even commenting on an application is now a meaningless task unless the applicant voluntarily supplies a site layout plan to a meaningful scale. This is the only realistic way in which to assess compliance with the adopted Local Plan and the effects upon neighbours and the neighbourhood in general.

In the current situation, what chance would there be of launching a meaningful appeal against even the most outrageous consents?

Roger Clayton, Secretary, South Lathom Residents' Association.

Link Road completion a tribute to Albert's efforts

IT was interesting to read in the Champion of the approaching spring completion of the Thornton to Switch Island Link Road. My mind goes back some 35 years. Merseyside County Councillor, Albert Birch, had successfully argued the case for a 30mph speed limit through the village of Ince Blundell.

As a local resident of Molyneux ward, Albert was passionate about a road to bypass the villages of Netherton, Sefton, Lunt, Thornton and Ince Blundell. He lobbied persistently for such a project to alleviate problems besetting people in the affected villages.

Eventually, a scheme was prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Transport for approval. Who would have thought it would take so long to implement! Such are the machinations of government and financing difficulties for local authority works.

So, well done to all those concerned in this achievement and, also to you Albert, for helping to sow the seeds all those years ago. Motorists throughout Sefton and West Lancashire will surely reap the benefit.

Readers are reminded that Jospice, in conjunction with Balfour Beatty, is organising a charity event which will be the only chance to walk on the Relief Road before it opens to traffic. The date is Sunday, March 29 from 11am to 3 pm, access via Brickwall Lane. All for a £5 donation with a certificate at the end – see the Jospice website for further details and registration.

John Lloyd, Aughton

PICTURE of the week

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Yellow surprise

Sons and daughters throughout the land will be on the lookout for Springtime flowers for Mother's Day on Sunday.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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HMOs must be restricted on new development

STUDENT houses must be restricted on the planned new Grove Farm development, where Taylor Wimpey plan to build 311 new homes off High Lane.

It's vital that these new homes provide for local families and young people. It would be wrong for this housing to be snapped up by landlords looking to convert them to student accommodation.

Worryingly, though, the area of the development is not covered by the 5% limit on student properties brought in by the council after a surge in such conversions.

I live in Station Road and more than a quarter of the properties in our road are student properties. This can lead to unbalanced communities, including a threat to our local schools as young families have to move elsewhere. There can also be a clash of lifestyles.

I don't want to see this situation arising on the new Grove Farm development which is why I have written to the borough planner and requested that steps are taken now to introduce the 5% HMO restriction on this new estate as well.

Jane Thompson, Ormskirk

I fear Jim's on wrong track about rail fare increases

I THINK of Jim Sharpe as being old enough for a railcard – maybe he is just pleasantly old–fashioned – but I fear he may be exaggerating the increase in rail fares in comparing current peak and 2005 off–peak fares in his recent column on the subject.

However, those of us with a railcard can travel to London from Liverpool return for £54 using any Virgin train.

Unfortunately, the way the railcard deduction is calculated does not allow for this from suburban stations and while off–peak the same fare applies, the cost jumps to £204 if you use a peak train.

Until recently local stations could avoid this but it seems they cannot over–ride the latest ticket machines if you buy on the day you travel! You need to book separately to and beyond the Virgin station.

It is not just the different companies nowadays which are the problem – similar issues date back here to when British Rail were offering special inter–city fares and are found on the nationalised railways in Europe.

Lancashire has a lot of people who are paid by their employers to spend a day in London and will pay what it costs – but mostly they don't have railcards and the easy way to fill trains but avoid over–crowding by lower fares for all is to welcome just railcard holders at the off–peak fares.

In comparing with fares from Scotland, only those who can pay to fly go for the day, and nobody would use a high peak train fare.

David Gelder, Parbold

Don't blame brave airmen

WHY do we keep being reminded about the bombing of Dresden 60 years ago?

It must be remembered that it was the Germans who introduced carpet bombing with their destruction of Coventry.

Having seen the destruction of Dresden first–hand, having entered the city the morning after the raid, there was not a window intact and women were shaking their fists at us, the prisoners of war.

One of our airmen was lying dead behind a wall. But one thing that stays in my mind was the sight of a nurse calmly pushing a German soldier in a wheelchair over a bridge with bombers overhead.

So why blame our brave airmen whose lives were always on the line carrying out a thankless duty in the cause for freedom?

W. E. Baybutt, Burscough

Let's praise small schools too

I AGREE with J. McGregor (Letters, February 11) that it's good to celebrate high academic achievement as a previous correspondent did about Parbold Douglas CE Academy.

However, it's a great shame that smaller schools, such as Richard Durning's Endowed Primary School, do not have their fantastic SATs results publicised by the government in the same way as larger schools simply because they had a small number of pupils in that year.

Let us celebrate the wonderful successes of all our local small schools.

J. Hales, Mawdesley

Speeding concerns

I AM very concerned about the speeding of transport on Grimshaw Lane, Ormskirk coming from the direction of the Kicking Donkey.

The speed limit goes from 60mph to 30mph then down to 20mph as you approach the Yew Tree pub, but cars, and even tractors, come into the 30mph zone doing at least 40mph.

Something even more dangerous is when drivers turn left at the Yew Tree pub without indicating. Isn't it about time we had a speed camera in the area?

D. Smith, Grimshaw Lane, Ormskirk

Potholes danger

I BELIEVE the council received an amount of money for the repairs of road surfaces and potholes in all areas. Well, there's a lot of potholes in and around Ormskirk which are in need of attention.

Some are very dangerous and have been there for a very long time. I feel sorry for the poor cyclists.

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Celebrity's seminar

CELEBRITY hairdresser Andrew Barton (right) will deliver a seminar at West Lancashire College's Skelmersdale campus on Tuesday, April 14.

One of the UK's most celebrated stylists, Andrew counts British Hairdresser Of The Year and British Hair Icon among his many awards and is also an ambassador for the British Hairdressing Fellowship and The British Hairdressing Council.

The event will be held at The Imagery, College Way, from 6 to 8pm. For more information call 01695 52317.

New online tool helps college students target career goals

Report by **Henry James**

STUDENTS at West Lancashire College celebrated National Careers Week and promoting the importance of work experience and volunteering as part of their course.

To aid learners the college recently launched Careers Coach, an online career–searching tool which allows users to map out a path through education and training opportunities and help them reach their career goals.

The new online tool provides information on specific job roles that are linked to the career you are interested in, including roles and responsibilities, the qualifications required and a forecast of employment levels in the region over the next couple of years.

It also links to education and training opportunities offered at West Lancashire College, shows current and potential salaries for the jobs and careers of interest and provides a comprehensive CV builder tool complete with pre–populated information to assist you on your entry into employment.

Children's play learning and development learner, Josie Smith, who attends a work placement at St Michael's Primary school in Town Green and also volunteers on additional days for extra experience, said: "I find Careers Coach really useful when studying the 'Careers in Early Years' unit. It's really easy to use and is helpful in preparing for employment. I am able to compare and contrast careers, the annual wage and see the employment forecast in my local area."

Tutor, Michelle Mawdsley, commented: "It's a really good tool which we use in class when studying the 'Careers in Early Years' unit in which learners are required to create a portfolio of different progression routes available to them once they have completed the course.

Josie Smith logs on to Career Coach watched by tutor Michelle Mawdsley

"They can use Career Coach at home as well as in college. It enables students to assess their own ability in relation to their desired career path, they are able to see what the career entails, what skills are required, identify what skills they have already and what skills they may need to develop.

"Josie and a lot of other learners have been on placement so they already have skills and experience to put on their CV. Not everyone knows where to start when it comes to writing a CV, Careers Coach is a great basis on which to start."

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Sue Wilson, who runs the sessions, said: "The group is not just about singing – and you don't need to be a great singer to join – it's about meeting new people, making friends and having fun. It's free and although we are aiming at over–50s, people of any age are welcome to come down and give us a try."

To join in simply pop down on a Tuesday at 1pm or call Sue first on 01695 421196.

Officials and guests of Maghull and Aughton Rotary Club at the presentation evening. Code1078086

Rotary Club stage presentation evening

Report by **Jim Sharpe**

COMMUNITY leaders and charity groups were honoured guests when the Rotary Club of Maghull and Aughton held their annual presentation evening at Maghull Town Hall.

The club's community services chairman, Ian Agnew, said the event gave the rotarians the opportunity to say a big thank–you to all concerned for their help in the annual Christmas charity collection featuring Father Christmas and the group's familiar and ever–popular Christmas float.

Maghull's town mayor, Councillor Joan Deegan, presented cheques to representatives of a number of local charities, while the evening also gave the rotary club the opportunity to showcase other recent achievements, including the staging of young chef and young speaker competitions.

Mr Agnew added: "The idea was to encourage creativity in young people and, on an international theme, to send shelter boxes to disaster areas, including the Philippines, and promoting the 'End Polio Now' programme.

"Our motto, 'Serving the Community', is proudly displayed on our Christmas float and the featuring of our involvement with so many community groups and ambitious projects on our presentation night clearly demonstrates that the local rotary club is well and truly serving the community."

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Rosie goes back to school

MP's visit coincides with pupils' charity fundraiser

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A CHARITY fundraising day organised by pupils of a local primary school was given an added boost when a special visitor dropped in.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper enjoyed a tour of Aughton St Michael's Church of England Primary on the same day that the school in Delph Park Avenue held their Wear Red/Green Day and raised £250 to be shared between the British Heart Foundation and the Ebola Fund which aims to prevent the spread of the fatal disease.

Ms Cooper was met by headteacher, Fiona Cottam and chair of governors, Denis O'Brien, as well as meeting members of each class.

During her visit she learned about the school's ranking as the country's top–rated state school for chess and how it recently hosted the Ormskirk District Schools chess tournament.

She said: "It was a pleasure to be shown around the school and the grounds of St Michael's School by the headteacher and chair of governors. I always enjoy visiting schools in West Lancashire, seeing the lovely grounds and hearing of the incredible achievements of the pupils and projects our young people are working on.

"The selflessness and empathy of these young children was on show during their non–uniform day while raising money for charities such as the British Heart Foundation and the fight against Ebola.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper with Aughton St Michael's chair of governors, Denis O'Brien, headteacher, Fiona Cottam and pupils Isaac Wood, Layla Bell, Holly King and Joshua Trew

"And only recently, all three of the school's teams from under–9 and under–11 age groups qualified for the National Primary Schools' Chess Competition.

"I would like to thank Fiona and Denis, and all the children who spoke with me on my visit, for making it a pleasant trip and I wish all the pupils sitting their SATs the very best of luck and to those competing in the upcoming chess competitions."

Chair of governors, Denis O'Brien, said: "I am glad our MP Rosie Cooper accepted my invitation to visit us here at the school. I was keen to show her around and let her experience the warm, friendly atmosphere at Aughton St Michael's."

And headteacher, Fiona Cottam, added: "We got to show Rosie around the school on the day of a charity drive by our pupils and tell her of recent success in our inter–school chess competitions. We hope she enjoyed the visit."

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One stupid reason to keep smoking

THE good news is that I'm smoking again!

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But the fact of the matter is that when I was laid low with the flu I not only simply didn't want to smoke, but in any case, after one or two exploratory puffs I found that I simply could not – the very whiff of smoke set me off coughing and wheezing. Not a good idea.

The trouble was I decided to treat cigarettes rather like Noah treated doves in his ark.

Every few days I tried to light up – and only when it became possible at least to try did I think I might even be on the road to recovery.

I was childishly delighted – much as Noah must have been when the dove returned with an olive twig or whatever in its beak.

I rather suspect that I was somewhat poorlier than I chose to admit to myself, and I am still convalescing, but at least now I am feeling a little better and more like my old self day by day.

Some good has come out of the episode though – I have decided to cut my cigarette consumption, which must do my health, as well as my pocket, some good surely?

Mind you, I cannot understand why people find it so hard to quit smoking.

Many years ago I decided to stop smoking, not for health reasons but simply because of the expense.

I did too. For something like a year I did not smoke. And certainly I saved quite a lot of money which, unhappily, I spent on the demon drink instead.

Which very nearly killed me.

A specialist, on my one–and–only period in hospital, told me that I must cut my drinking – a lot – or I would be dead "in months rather than years" – which is a sobering thought in itself.

So I stopped drinking (now half my lifetime ago) without the help proffered to me from all sides of my hospital bed.

Tell you what though – if I did decide to pack in smoking again, the last thing I'd even consider would be taking up e–cigarettes.

Quite apart from looking absurd, they are in any case banned from exactly the same places as 'the real thing' – trains, buses, pubs – so no advantage there, and are full of all kinds of junk with e–numbers upon which the jury still seems to be out as to their consequences.

Anyway, one of my most treasured possessions is a brass Zippo lighter given to me as a present by my late brother many Christmases ago and that is a most powerful, if stupid, reason to keep smoking.

In fact, brother George did stop smoking himself – and look what happened to him.

Anyway, on a brighter note, my Norfolk–based motor cruiser 'Manxman' is herself recovering now from revarnishing of her topsides, and a 'touch–up' to her paintwork as well.

She also had to undergo her Boat Safety Scheme examination – so she should be fighting fit (and newly–beautified) for another season afloat.

Within weeks I hope collie dogs Tina and Cinders and I will be afloat on the first of our 2015 cruises.

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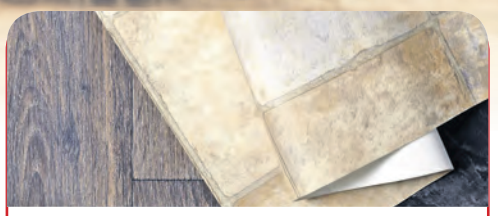

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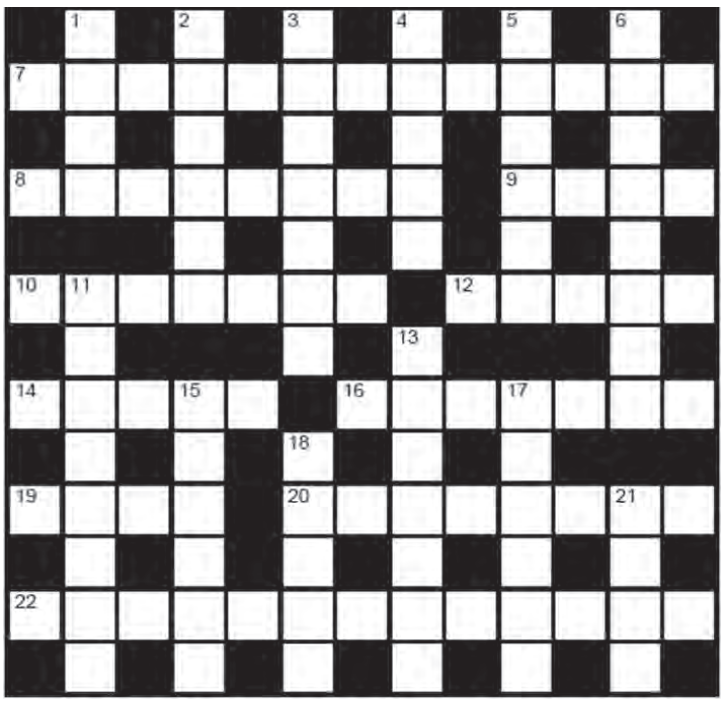

ACROSS
7 An estimate based on knowledge (8,5)
8 Disparage, undervalue (8)
9 Possessive adjective (4)
10 Old (7)
12 Stain, sully (5)
14 Move in a furtive or stealthy way (5)
16 Discussed lightly, exchanged blows (7)
19 Stalk, trunk (4)
20 Settle among and control (8)
22 Early bicycle with large front wheel and small rear wheel (5-8)

DOWN
1 Axe-like tool with arched blade (4)
2 Energetic, busy (6)
3 Impressive, grand (7)
4 Female cattle's mammary gland (5)
5 Slang expression of pleasure at eating (3-3)
6 Kiss (8)
11 Make longer (8)
13 Military commander (7)
15 Tree native to Middle East and South Asia with oval, edible nut-like seed (6)
17 Small inflatable rubber boat (6)
18 Mock, sneer at (5)
21 Loose granule substance typically found on beaches (4)

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Across: 7 Fillet. 8 Offset. 9 Dean. 10 Nebulous. 11 Pyramid. 13 Ether. 15 Llama. 17 Seaside. 20 Inundate. 21 Pact. 22 Ptosis. 23 Toupee.
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Edge Hill student awarded St John's highest honour

By **Henry James**

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Rebecca Cruxton, a first–year BSc (Hons) design and technology education student, was presented with the Sovereign's Award in recognition of her volunteer work.

The award is presented to just 10 people worldwide each year.

Rebecca, who hails from Newcastle, has completed more than 1,000 hours of voluntary work, including helping to run Gateshead cadet unit where she teaches young people essential lifesaving first aid skills, working for the RISE (Respect/Inspire/Support/Empower) project teaching first aid skills to troubled or unemployed young people, and fundraising for St John Ambulance.

In 2013 she won the National Cadet of the Year award, as well as the Gateshead Young Achiever Award for her academic and volunteering success.

Rebecca Cruxton receiving her Young Achiever award

After starting at Edge Hill she was awarded an Excellence Scholarship for Volunteering and a High Achiever's Award for her BTEC results, attaining the highest mark available.

Rebecca said: "Volunteering is very important to me and I'm managing to juggle my studies with my work with St John Ambulance. In fact, I am hoping to set up a Cadet Unit in Ormskirk for local young people.

"Edge Hill has been very supportive of my volunteering endeavours, even awarding me an Excellence Scholarship. My teaching degree and my volunteering go hand–in–hand really as it was getting a taster of teaching during my days volunteering that led to me choosing it as a career."

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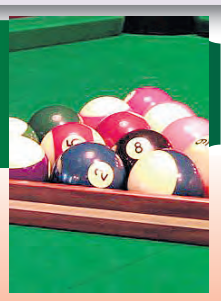

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School plays host to Swedish teachers

A WEST Lancashire school has played host to two special guests in preparation for a school trip with a difference later this year.

Hesketh–with–Becconsall All Saints CE Primary welcomed Maya Mustorien and Magdalena Froberg, who are both headteachers at their Swedish 'partner' school Hovstaskolan School in Orebro.

The pair spent three days teaching pupils at the local school in Shore Road.

A party of 35 youngsters from All Saints Hesketh will be going to stay in Sweden and attending the Hovstaskolan School in May.

The schools have been paired up and working together to learn about each other's culture for the last eight years.

All Saints headteacher, Lawrence Smye–Rumsby, said: "The main purpose of Maya and Magdalena's visit was to prepare for our visit to Sweden in May and for them to learn about the English education system.

"They met with staff, sampled pupils' work and lessons and considered our internal data tracking system.

"Much was learned by both schools and arrangements were agreed to prepare for the visit of 35 of our older pupils in May.

"They have already been exchanging work and will join together to both work and experience Swedish culture, language and life. We are all very excited about the trip."

New facility will help law students experience 'feel' of courtroom

By **Danielle Thompson**

The new mooting room at Edge Hill

BUDDING lawyers will be able to practise their debating skills and sharpen up their cross–examination techniques in appropriate surroundings following the opening of a new facility at Edge Hill University.

The university's law department has opened a brand new 'mooting room' fitted with genuine courtroom furniture acquired from th former Southport Magistrates Court.

A moot is a discussion of a hypothetical legal case as an academic exercise with students playing the roles of counsel to deliver oral arguments on one or more points of law and presenting their case before a judge – in this case usually a member of staff.

The room also contains more than 600 law text books donated to the university by Southport–based Fletchers Solicitors, a clinical negligence and serious injury law firm.

Edge Hill lecturer and solicitor, Robert Collinson, said: "The reputation of Edge Hill University's law degree programmes has grown steadily. We are committed to providing students with practical and useful experiences to supplement their academic activities. This has led us to establish a pro bono legal advice centre where students, under expert supervision, provide free legal advice for the local community.

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Band land place in national finals

Report by
Henry James

Skelmersdale Prize band contest secretary, Jon–Paul Coulson (right) collects the trophy.

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Backed by a coachload of supporters and after months of preparation, the band took to the stage in the magnificent Empress Ballroom at the Winter Gardens to perform their interpretation of An English Pastorale by composer Dean Jones.

The band enjoyed preparing for the performance and showed much enthusiasm at the chance to put in some hard work on a new test piece after their recent triumphs at Preston Guild Hall and Butlin's, Skegness.

Pitted against 13 other talented bands from the area they were delighted to have been awarded second place by adjudicators Ian Brownbill and Sarah Groarke–Booth.

This saw them take home another trophy and earned them an invitation to compete in the National Championships in Cheltenham in September.

A spokeswoman for the band said: "The performance from the band was top quality and wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of the players, the expertise and attention to detail from conductor David Chapman, and the support of the committee and fans."

Next date for the band, who rehearse at their band room in Old Skelmersdale twice a week, is a concert at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Dalton, on Saturday (March 14).

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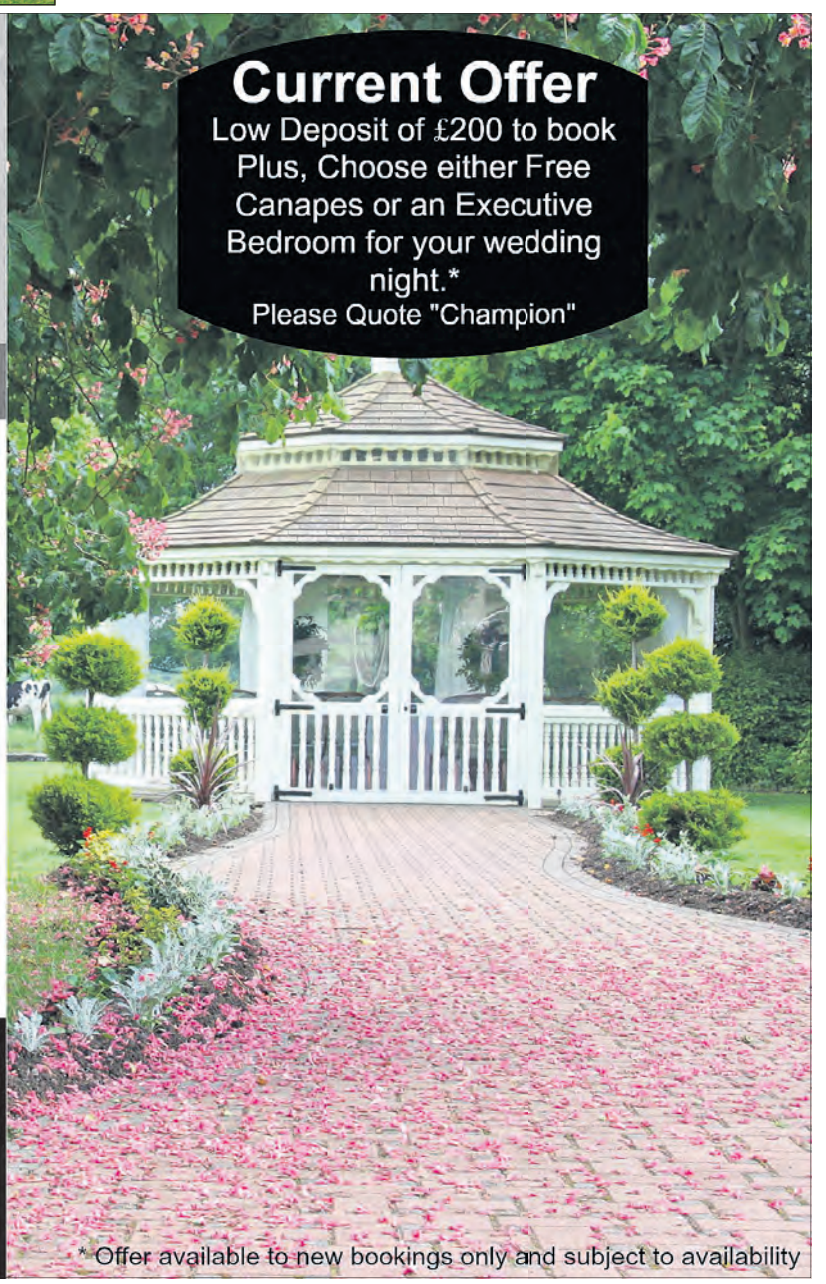

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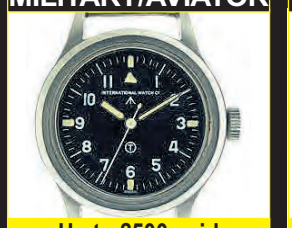

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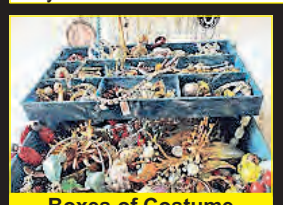

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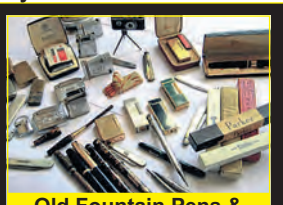

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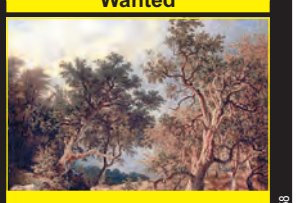

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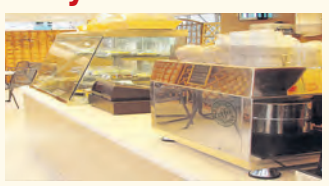

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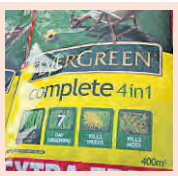

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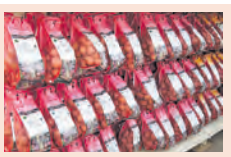

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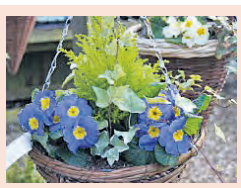

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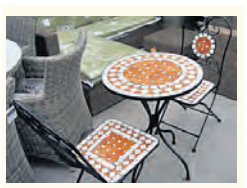

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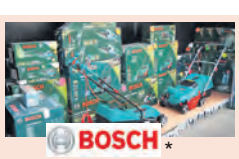

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Majority of pupils get chosen school

Report by **Henry James**

NEARLY 97% of pupils in Lancashire will be attending one of their preferred schools or academies this September, despite a rise of more than1,000 applicants since last year.

Figures for secondary school admissions show that 87% will get their first preference, 9.5% will go to schools which were their second or third preference, while 3.5% have been allocated a place at other schools.

The numbers of those receiving preferred places is likely to rise as appeals are heard and other adjustments are made.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Waiting to find out which secondary school you've been allocated can be an anxious time for both parents and children. I have first–hand experience of this so I know exactly how parents feel at this time.

"I'm pleased to know that 97% of pupils in the county will be getting one of their three preferences and 87% have their first preference. Importantly, every pupil has been allocated a secondary school place.

"School places are allocated fairly and objectively and every application is agreed upon using the criteria which have been agreed for that school.

"Our admissions team do a good job advising parents how to use their preferences wisely and what to do if they are unhappy with the place they've got. There's still a lot of movement with the allocation of school places between now and September."

This year more parents than ever – nearly 98% overall – chose to complete their application online.

For advice and information on school admissions and appeals, parents in West Lancashire can telephone the area education offices on 01772 532191 or 532190.

Everyone whose initial offer is not for their preferred schools or academies will automatically receive a form with information about waiting lists and the appeals process. Appeals are heard locally and those for Lancashire secondary schools will take place during May and June.

Festival with international flavour

AN Ormskirk pub will be offering 10 international real ales as part of a 17–day festival.

There will also be 24 beers brewed using only British–grown hop varieties alongside the real ales at the festival at The Court Leet in Wheatsheaf Walk running from Friday (March 13) to Sunday, March 29.

Manager, Nathan McGovern, said: "The festival is a perfect opportunity to showcase the wonderful range of British–grown hop varieties and support British hop farmers. And it will also give people the opportunity to enjoy a superb selection of UK and international beers many of which have not been served in the pub before."

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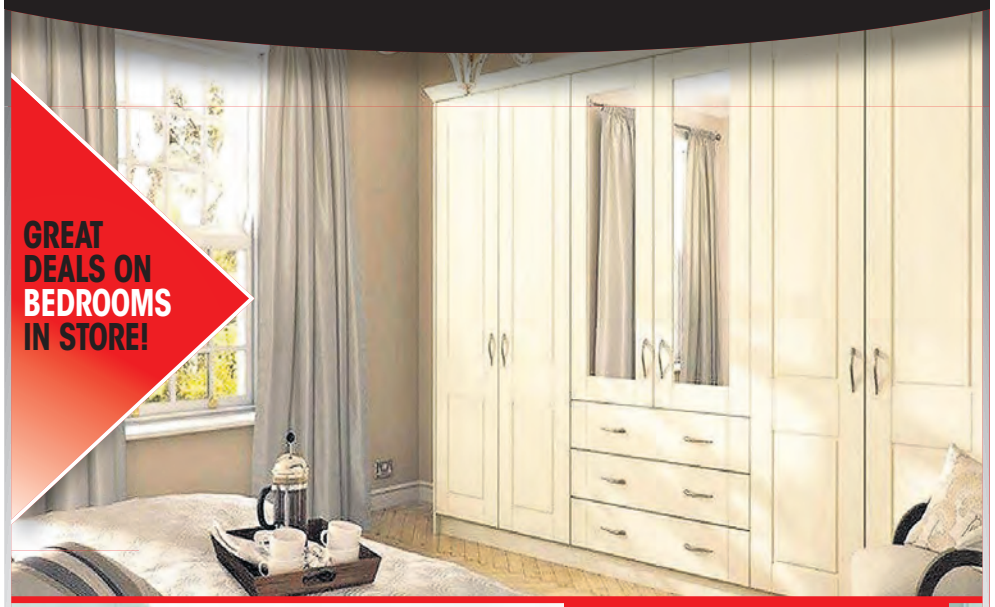

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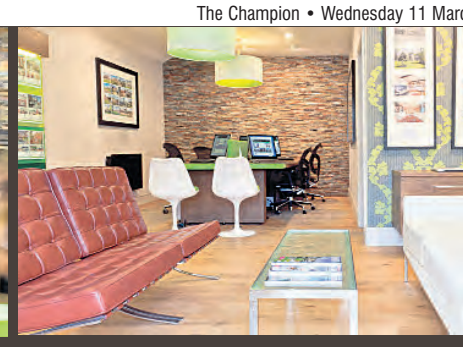

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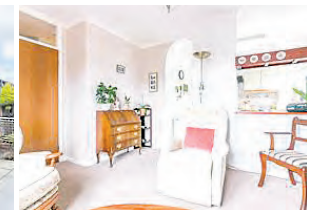

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The Ainscough Mill apartments are in a fabulous location, adjacent to the Leeds Liverpool Canal just off Mill Lane. These stunning homes are available to reserve from just £134,995.

Sales and marketing director, Diane Finch said: "Burscough provides semi-rural living at its best and it is easy to see why Ainscough Mill is so popular. We are urging buyers to hurry if they want to live at this exclusive location.

"Anyone buying one of these delightful apartments can be sure they are securing a beautiful home which has a superb contemporary kitchen, carpets throughout and the added bonus of their own personal parking space."

Burscough village lies north of Ormskirk and south of Rufford on the A59, and offers excellent transport links to Manchester, Liverpool and Preston.

Diane added: "Now is a great time to move and our sales advisors are on hand to help people through the whole process and give advice on schemes such as the Government-backed Help to Buy, Home Change and Part-exchange."

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To celebrate the release of Disney's Cinderella on March 27, the Odeon in Switch Island, Aintree is giving Champion readers the chance to win a magical goody bag worth £100.

The prize includes Cinderella merchandise and a family ticket (5 people maximum) to go and see the film at Odeon Switch Island.

Inspired by the classic fairy tale, Cinderella is a live action feature film that brings to life the timeless images from Disney's 1950 animated masterpiece as fully–realised characters in a dazzling spectacle for a whole new generation.

Starring Lily James as Cinderella, Cate Blanchett as the Wicked Stepmother and Helen Bonham Carter as the Fairy Godmother, Cinderella is a stunning film that will have huge appeal to all ages.

To be in with a chance of winning this fairytale prize, just answer the following simple question.

• *With the help of her Fairy Godmother, Cinderella goes through a magical transformation so that she can attend the ball. At what time does the magic run out however?*

a) 6 o'clock
b) Midday
c) Midnight

To enter simply email your answer to holly.rummens@champnews.com

Your entry must reach us by Wednesday, March 18, 2015. The winner will be the sender of the first correct answer drawn at random. Usual Champion rules apply.

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The winner will collect their goody bag when attending the screening.

Chance to create a flower or fairy at hall

Report by
Danielle Thompson

VISITORS to Rufford Old Hall can create a flower of fairy for the 'Woollen Woodland' project this Sunday, March 15.

The National Trust's Rufford Old Hall and BBC Radio Lancashire's 'Up for Arts' are teaming up to host a crafting workshop from 11am – 3pm in the grounds.

Expert tutors will be on hand to show visitors how to crochet and craft a flower or a fairy with materials provided –although visitors are welcome to bring wool or felt.

The completed flowers, creatures and fairies will be installed in the grounds of the Hall at the end of April and will be on display until August 2015.

Catherine Hazely, Rufford's Visitor Experience officer said: "As it's Mother's Day, why not bring mum along."

If you can't make it to the workshop, you can make a fairy or flower for the Woollen Woods and send it to go on display with the other items.

The workshop costs £3 to attend, which covers the cost of the materials.

BBC Radio Lancashire will be broadcasting its 'Lancashire Outdoors' programme live from Rufford Old Hall from 11am–2pm to coincide with the workshop.

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National Theatre production to be streamed to centre

A LIVE broadcast of the highly–praised National Theatre's upcoming production A View from the Bridge has been added to a programme at The Arts Centre, Ormskirk.

The production features a cast led by Mark Strong (The Imitation Game; Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy) in the Young Vic's production of A View from the Bridge – the Evening Standard, Guardian and Independent's top theatre pick of 2014.

The great Arthur Miller confronts the American dream in this dark and passionate tale. In Brooklyn, longshoreman Eddie Carbone welcomes his Sicilian cousins to the land of freedom. But when one of them falls for his beautiful niece, they discover that freedom comes at a price. Eddie's jealous mistrust exposes a deep, unspeakable secret – one that drives him to commit the ultimate betrayal.

Ivo van Hove directs this production of Miller's tragic masterpiece, broadcast from London's West End by National Theatre Live on March 26.

A View from the Bridge is the latest addition to an eclectic season of live screenings from the National Theatre and also the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC), a new venture for 2015 at the Arts Centre. Other screenings include the RSC's Love's Labour's Lost, Love's Labour's Won (Much Ado About Nothing), and The Merchant of Venice, and National Theatre Live productions Behind the Beautiful Forevers, Treasure Island, and The Hard Problem.

June Gibbons, Arts Centre manager said: "The facilities at the Arts Centre are perfect for screening live theatre and this new venture is a natural progression of Short Cuts cinema. We are really excited to be a part of the rich and diverse programme the National Theatre and The Royal Shakespeare companies are producing for community audiences."

Full listings for the live screening programme can be found at http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/artscentre/whats–on/?category=live–screenings

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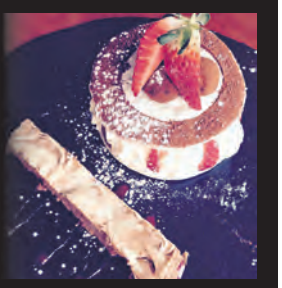

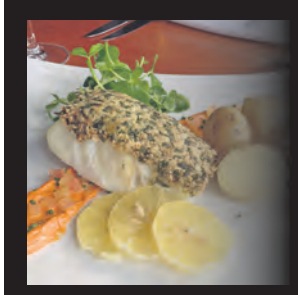

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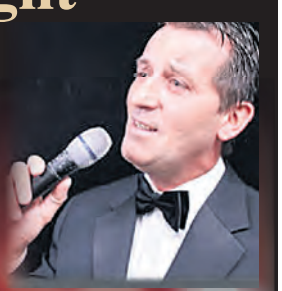

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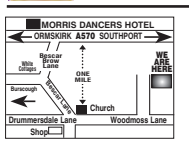

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DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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This time I ask for one special favour.
(mention it)

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine.

Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and your favour will be granted. Never to be failed.

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DEATHS

HENDERSON Jack

February 28th 2015

Aged 90 Years. Peacefully in Westcliffe Manor Nursing Home.

Loving husband of the late Joan, proud dad to Christine, Michael and Janet, father-in-law to Roger, Helen and Alistair, awesome grandad to Andrew, John, Katie, Sam, Kim, Alexandria and doting great-grandad to Sophie, Bethany and Wesley. A service to celebrate Jack's Life will be held at Lord Street West United Church on Friday 13th March at 1.15 pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

Smith Elizabeth (Betty)

Passed away peacefully on Wednesday 4th March 2015, aged 83 years

Beloved Mum of Lesely and Helen, Mother-in-law to Michael and David, Nana to Jason, Gabrielle, Jane and Alan, Grandma to Liam, Joshua, Jasmine, Lana, Chloe, Paul and Ronnie. Will be sadly missed by friends and family. Funeral service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 19th March 2015 at 11.20am. Flowers, or donations for Alzheimers Society. Further enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel 01695 572997.

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DEATHS

Fitzgibbon Veronica

3rd March 2015

Peacefully aged 80 years

Reunited with her loving husband Paul and son Paul. A very special and devoted mum to Ellie, Janice and John. A loved mum-in-law to Marty, Danny, Yvonne and Jayne and a cherished nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Goodnight and god bless. A requiem mass will be held at St. Richards Church, Skelmersdale on Thursday March 12th at 10am followed by interment at St. Helens Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Skelmersdale Lourdes Association. Care of Peter Coyne Independent Funeral Directors, St Chads Drive, Kirkby Town Centre. Tel 0151 548 7999

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IN MEMORIAM

TRISCONI FRANK

11th March 2014

How I wish that I could say
I'll go and see my Dad today
To hear his voice
To see his smile
To sit and talk with him a while
To have him in the same old way
Would be my greatest wish today.

Miss and love you
Judith, John
& Alexander

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thomas Patrick Johnson

The family of the late Thomas Patrick Johnson would like to express their gratitude to all relatives, friends & neighbours for the mass/sympathy cards & beautiful floral tributes. Our grateful thanks to Father Boniface Moran, Queenscourt Hospice, District Nurses & carers, also all who attended his requiem mass & all others too numerous to mention. God bless you all.

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DEATHS

Fraser Mary

8th March 2015 peacefully at home aged 83 years

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DEATHS

Phythian Marion

On 28th February 2015, peacefully aged 85 years

Loving wife of the late Leonard, devoted mum of David and Chris, dear mother-in-law of Kay, cherished nan of Katie and much loved auntie to all her nieces and nephews, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Tuesday 10th March at 4.00pm.

Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice.

All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

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IN MEMORIAM

ROBERTS Michael Lewis

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EVAN 9

7th March 2015

KAI 6

17th Feb 2015

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Nanna & Grandad
Uncle Ian & Auntie
Sammy

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DEATHS

Cooper Marg (nee Allatt)

Passed peacefully on 8th March 2015 after a short illness, aged 72 years

Much loved wife of Ken, mother of Martin and Neil, mother-in-law of Catherine. A loved grandma to Sam and Charlotte. Family flowers by request please, but donations are being gratefully received for RNLI Moelfre. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 17th March at 12 noon. Donations and all enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel 01695 572997.

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Joan Allen

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Paula & Mark
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IN MEMORIAM

Trisconi Frank

11th March 2014

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Missing you so much
Your loving wife
Marion

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Gallagher Jane

Sunday 15th March

Happy Mothers Day

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15th March 2015

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West Lancashire Borough Council - Council Tax 2015/2016

Notice is hereby given that on 25 February 2015, the West Lancashire Borough Council in accordance with section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 set for the chargeable year beginning 1st April 2015 Council Tax Rates including the Council Tax Rates set by Lancashire County Council, the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.

For dwellings within each property band and situated in those parts of the Councils area to which no special item relates as detailed below :

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
NON-PARISHED AREAS	1024.84	1,195.64	1,366.45	1,537.25	1,878.86	2,220.47	2,562.09	3074.50

For dwellings within each property band and situated in those parts of the Council's area to which a special item relates as detailed below :

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
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BISPHAM	1030.05	1201.72	1373.40	1545.07	1888.42	2231.77	2575.12	3090.14
BURSCOUGH	1040.13	1213.48	1386.84	1560.19	1906.90	2253.61	2600.32	3120.38
DALTON	1037.69	1210.63	1383.58	1556.52	1902.41	2248.30	2594.21	3113.04
DOWNHOLLAND	1044.53	1218.61	1392.70	1566.78	1914.95	2263.12	2611.31	3133.56
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RUFFORD	1049.83	1224.80	1399.77	1574.74	1924.68	2274.62	2624.57	3149.48
SCARISBRICK	1031.60	1203.53	1375.46	1547.39	1891.25	2235.12	2578.99	3094.78
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UPHOLLAND	1035.61	1208.20	1380.81	1553.40	1898.60	2243.80	2589.01	3106.80
WRIGHTINGTON	1031.68	1203.62	1375.57	1547.51	1891.40	2235.29	2579.19	3095.02

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11th March 2015

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PUBLIC NOTICES

WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 11th March 2015 West Lancashire Borough Council ("the Council") made the above-named Order in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). When the Order comes into force on 23rd March 2015 the effect will be:

1.To bring the area of land, (hatched black on the plan referred to below), within the boundary of the current pay and display parking area at Market Way, Ormskirk.
2.To require all vehicles parking within the boundary of the designated pay and display area to park within a marked bay and to display a valid ticket, (for all vehicles not displaying a valid permit) as follows:-

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A copy of the Order and plan of the areas affected may be inspected between the hours of 9.00a.m. and 4.30p.m. Monday to Friday at the Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with you may, within six weeks from 11th March 2015, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Dated 11th March 2015

Terry Broderick
Borough Solicitor
West Lancashire Borough Council
52 Derby Street
Ormskirk L39 2DF

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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0171/OUT The demolition of the existing buildings, and outline planning permission (including details of access) for the erection of up to 580 dwellings (C3); Extra Care or Care Accommodation (C2); a Local Centre (comprising up to 500m2 of A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5 floorspace; and community uses); the construction of 4.6 hectares of Employment Development (up to 13,800m2 of B1, B2 and B8 floorspace); the provision of open space and associated recreation facilities (including parkland, allotments, play areas, a linear park, cycle and pedestrian facilities); together with the provision of related infrastructure including the construction of drainage works (including sustainable urban drainage systems), roads, services and related utilities; and associated works at Yew Tree Farm, Liverpool Road South, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
The application is accompanied by an environmental statemen (a copy of which is available for inspection or purchase if required).
Application No: 2015/0174/FUL Retrospective application of the installation of 2 no. containerised biomass boiler systems at Smithy Mushrooms, 229 Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/0182/ARM Reserved Matters - The erection of 31 dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated landscaping and infrastructure (including details of access, appearance, layout and scale) at Land Adjacent 10, Ivy Close, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/0204/FUL Construction of a building to house a new vacuum cooler at Len Wrights Salads Ltd, Hazeldene, Taylors Meanygate, Tarleton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSTRUCTION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0163/ARM Reserved Matters - Erection of 2 no. bungalows (including details of appearance and landscaping) at 76 Church Road, Tarleton.
Application No: 2015/0181/FUL Retrospective application for kitchen extract duct and air intake fan on existing flat roof at rear at Cricketers Arms, 24 Chapel Street, Ormskirk.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 11th March 2015
Assistant Director Planning PDNOT832

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HOSCAR LEVEL CROSSING, HOSCAR MOSS ROAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle, or cycle from proceeding over that length of Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom, for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Hoscar Level Crossing.

An alternative route for motor vehicles, cycles and pedestrians affected by the closure is via: -
Hoscar Moss Road – Wanes Blade Road – Mains Lane, (Bispham) – B5246 Hall Lane, (Bispham) – Robin Lane, (Wrightington) – B5246 Chorley Road, (Wrightington) – B5246 Lancaster Lane, (Parbold) – A5209 Alder Lane, (Parbold) – A5209 Ash Brow, (Newburgh) – A5209 Course Lane, (Newburgh) – A5209 Course Lane – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane – A5209 Briars Lane – Ring O Bells Lane – Hoscar Moss Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow level crossing maintenance works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0001 hours until 0530 hours on Tuesday 24th March 2015, or until completion of the works if earlier.

Andrew Burrows, Public Realm Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: LHS/BS/08/094/ARH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MEADOW LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle Cycle and Pedestrian from proceeding over that length of Meadow Lane, Lathom for a distance of 20meteres Either side of the Four Lane Ends level crossing.

An alternative route for traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Bleak Lane – Wood Lane –Wanes Blades Road - Hoscar Moss Road and vice versa
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing upgrade works to be carried out.
The prohibition will be operative from 0001 hours on Sunday 15th March 2015 until 0600 hours on Friday 20th March 2015 or until completion of the works within this period.

Andrew Burrows, Public Realm Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: LHS/BS/08/105/EF]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(POOL HEY LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycles from proceeding over that length of Pool Hey Lane, 20meters either side of Pool Hey crossing, Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Pool Hey Lane – A570 Southport Road – Snape Green - Wyke Cop Road – Wyke Road – Pool Hey Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow road resurface works to be carried out.
The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Saturday 21st March 2015 until 1300 hours on Sunday 22nd March 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Andrew Burrows, Public Realm Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: LHS/BS/08/089/HD]

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Notice of application for new application of premises licence

We the Victoria Hotel of 2 Ormskirk Road, Upholland, Skelmersdale, WN80AG have applied to West Lancashire Borough Council for a new premises licence the following has been applied for: Hours of operation
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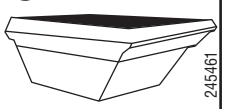
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Life On Cars
DAVID SIMISTER

A CAR NUT somewhere has just bought the entire set of development blueprints for the Austin Metro off the internet.

On the one hand, I'm a tiny bit envious of whoever's just snapped up this intriguing bit of British Leyland history – imagine being able to go to a car show and tell your chums you own all the diagrams necessary to put an entire car back into production.

In a way, you'd own an entire national motoring institution, but don't even think about using the blueprints to bring the poor old Metro back from the dead. Largely because nobody in their right mind would buy one.

It was a great car in its day but if it was in today's showrooms you'd immediately dismiss it because it'd be 30 years out of date. None of British Leyland's offerings are being used en–masse any more.

Unless, of course, you get the train into work. If you ever use the Wigan to Southport or Kirkby to Southport lines, then chances are you'll be all too familiar with BL's handiwork.

You might not know it but the Class 142 Pacer is the Austin Metro's distant cousin, because both were developed by the then state–run motor manufacturer.

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If the powers–that–be are serious about convincing petrolheads like me to give up cars they're going to have do better than a wheezy, clattery a train badly wrapped up in bodywork stolen from a Leyland National bus.

The Austin Metro is a car we should be proud of, but if I told you to give up your brand new Fiesta for one you'd tell me where to get off.

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David is the news editor of Classic Car Weekly

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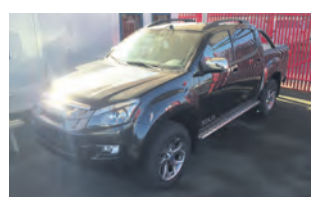
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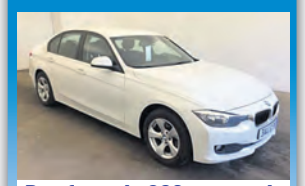

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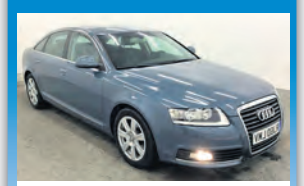

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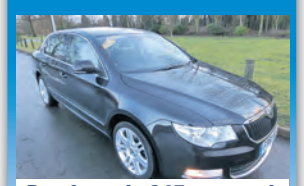

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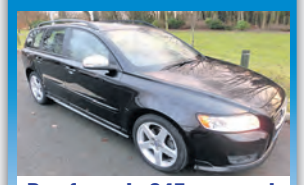

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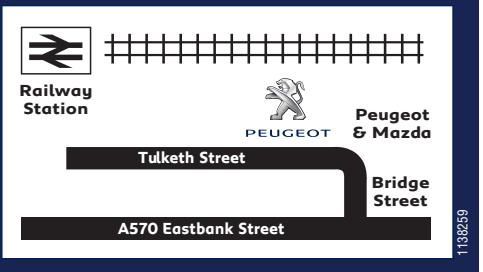

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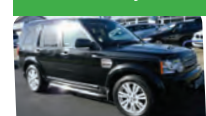

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Amount of Credit	£10,141.13
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Amount Financed	£14940	APR	0%

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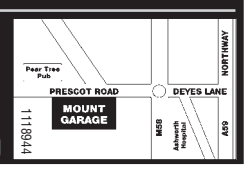

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Richmond boost promotion hopes

Burscough Richmond 2
Hurst Green 0

RICHMOND beat second placed Hurst Green to close the gap on the teams bidding to secure the promotion spots up to the West Lancashire Premier League.

Richmond looked the most dangerous in the early part of the match.

Strikers Jordan and Berry had very good chances when one on one with the keeper.

The latter falied to release his shot early enough letting the away side's defender nick the ball off the toe of the tall centre forward.

Richmond were unable to capitalise on their good build up play at at half time it was 0–0.

They took the lead on 72 minutes when Berry was deemed to have been fouled in the penalty area and Mike Galliers scored from the spot.

Five minutes later Anthony Murt and Mark Bailey replaced Jordan Lorde and Andy Kenyon. It turned out to be inspirational decision by the manager.

On 80 minutes a lofted ball out of midfield found the Hurst Green defenders a little to far forward.

It allowed Bailey to spring the offside trap and latched onto the ball, ran forward and slotted the ball under the on coming keeper.

Richmond have a chance of promotion with this win,but with six games to play and a return leg at Hurst Green,it wont be an easy task.

Late goal agony for luckless Linnets

Radcliffe Borough 2
Burscough 1

BURSCOUGH threw away the lead to lose 2–1 against a home side, who are battling relegation.

The first real chance fell on 15 minutes as Danny Lambert's free kick from the right was fired straight at visiting keeper Josh Clarke.

A similar free kick minutes later saw Lambert further test the keeper from the same position as Clarke failed to hold the ball and it bounced away to safety.

On 27 minutes Steve Foster sent a ball through to Sam McMahon whose lob beat the keeper but was cleared away.

Burscough opened their account two minutes later after a goalmouth scramble when Eddie Toner bundled the ball into the net.

In the second half the opening ten minutes were very scrappy with neither side making any positive attempts on goal.

This effort from aBurscough attack was saved.

Boro settled first and equalised on the hour mark after Clarke palmed Lambert's free kick from the half way line into the path of Sam McMahon who headed home from six yards out.

Radcliffe pressed forward in search of the winning goal. Matthew Davies met Richard Smith's throw in the area and his turn and shot just whistled past the post.

Burscough almost took the lead when substitute Lloyd Dean's header hit the bar from a corner.

But it was the home side who went 2–1 up on 86 minutes after Rokka's cross from the left was met by the head of Davies.

The ball beat the keeper and Steve Foster got the final touch to get the ball over the line.

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Supporters rally round to help club

SKELMERSDALE United have had financial struggles over the last couple of months after being let down by a sponsorship deal that didn't materialise, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

But supporters of the club have rallied round to raise money after it became clear that the players were going to have to take a cut in wages to balance the books.

Over the last few weeks the supporters and the board have been busy raising funds.

Last week The Champion highlighted Chairman Paul Griffiths appeal for support from the town's business community and he has had some good responses. He said: "It is terrific how the supporters have rallied round and I must say a big thank you for their efforts, they really are making a difference."

Tommy Lawson and his assistant Brian Richardson recently held a meet the manager night that brought a great turnout on the night.

A former player who has made a name for himself has helped, with Cardiff City star Craig Noone having already contributed a signed shirt.

And he has also said he would like to hold a meet the supporters for a night in the social club soon, with all the money going to the football club where he started his career.

A financial support wall has also been successful, where those that make donations can have their names for all to see, to contribute to that you can contact Kevin Panther on 07527 499715 or by seeing Tommy Lawson himself.

The supporters have arranged a number of schemes, one an autographed and authenticated photograph of Robbie Fowler.

The club has also arranged a presentation night, when it is organising a cabaret evening at the social club on Friday, May 8.

It is planned to have popular local vocalist Paul McCoy entertaining the audience.

Tickets are available from the social club or by calling the club on 01695 722123.

Skem complete double over Rams

Skelmersdale United 3
Ramsbottom United 0

UNITED made it a home and away double over their rivals from East Lancashire on Saturday, three goals early in the second–half building on the firm foundation of a goalless first period, that they definitely won on points, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

Skem were in control from the off and could have struck at least a couple of goals before half an hour had elapsed.

Scott Bakkor beat a man only to see Rammy goalkeeper Grant Shenton save his effort, before a clever bit of hold–up play by Dan Mitchley suffered the same fate on the quarter–hour and then a Ken Strickland free–kick fizzed inches over the crossbar.

The pressure from Skem continued.

Joe Whittington and Valtar Fernandes combined with Mitchley on the right to send a ball across the face of goal that somehow went without a telling touch before Shenton made the save of the match with his legs to deny Whittington.

In the 38th minute Osebi Abadaki did damage to the Ramsbottom cause in strange circumstances.

He clashed with Dale Wight and as Wright jogged away to take up a position for the free–kick, Abadaki swung his boot at him, and the referee brandished a red card. There had been no incident, no challenge and no verbal appeals at all.

The dismissal didn't deter Ramsbottom too much though, as James made his best save of the match five minutes later falling low to his left to keep out a Jamie Rother shot.

Skelmersdale didn't waste any time after the restart in putting that right and by the 62nd minute they had a 3–0 lead. The first goal in the 50th minute arrived after the ball was worked into a central spot from where Mitchley saw his shot parried by Shenton, but at the same time the ball ran free behind the keeper, Bakkor pounced and thumped the ball into the empty net.

Two minutes later Bakkor returned the favour to Mitchley, flicking on a through ball that put Mitchley one on one with Shenton, Mitchley lifting the ball over the advancing custodian to make it 2–0.

In the 62nd minute it was game over. Warren Bellew had been on the pitch at substitute for just three minutes when he put in a swirling cross from the left; Mitchley ran onto the ball and powerfully headed the ball into the net.

It was a comfortable victory and will set Skem up for a run of three consecutive away games on the next three Saturdays, starting with a trip to struggling Belper Town.

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